

FAS-930  
(08-26-03)U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
Foreign Agricultural ServiceTRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE (TAA) FOR FARMERS  
PETITION FOR CERTIFICATION AND ELIGIBILITY FOR A GROUP OF PRODUCERS

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| 1. Name of Authorized Representative or Primary Contact<br>John Wallace                                      |   | 2. Name and Business Address (Including City, State, and Zip Code)<br>Georgia Shrimp Association<br>227 Fort King George Drive<br>P.O. Box 2339 Darien, GA 31305 |                         |
| 3. Telephone Number (Including Area Code)<br>912-437-8188  |   |  |                         |
| 4. Fax Number (Including Area Code)<br>912-437-7559  |   | 5. E-Mail Address<br>ga_shrimp@darienatl.net   |                         |
| 6. This petition is made on behalf of the following producers: (Use separate sheet for additional producers) |   |  |                         |
| A.<br>Name of Producers  | B.<br>Mailing Address   | C.<br>Telephone No.<br>(Including Area Code)   | D.<br>E-Mail Address    |
| Georgia wild, ocean caught shrimp producers  | 227 Fort King George Drive<br>P.O. Box 2339<br>Darien, GA 31305 | 912-437-8188   | ga_shrimp@darienatl.net |
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## 7. COMMODITY INFORMATION:

A. Description of the raw (excludes processed) agricultural commodity:  
(e.g., fresh raspberries)  
Fresh and frozen whole (heads-on) and headless (heads-off) ocean caught marine shrimp

B. Commodity's Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) Number  
(HTS can be found at: <http://www.fas.usda.gov/ustrade/>)  
HTS group 0306.13.00 (excluding 0306.13.0040)  
plus 0306.23.0020 (USITC, 2003)

C. This petition is for the most recent marketing year for the commodity beginning in January 2002 and ending December 2002  
(month/year) (month/year)

D. Check whether the certification is to cover a commodity produced nationally or in an "impacted" area (state or states):

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National

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State(s) (list): GEORGIA

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8. If Item 7D "National" is checked, provide the national average annual price for the most recent marketing year and the 5 preceding marketing years. If Item 7D "State(s)" is checked to indicate that the petition is for an impacted area, provide the relevant average price for the most recent marketing year and the 5 preceding years, and specify the months being averaged if the price is for less than 12 months (seasonal price).

(NOTE: National price data is available for many raw agricultural commodities from the Department's National Agricultural Statistical Service (NASS) at: [www.usda.gov/nass](http://www.usda.gov/nass).)

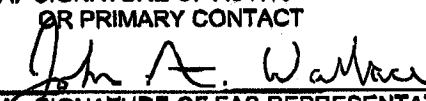
| A.<br>Marketing Year   | B.<br>Average Annual Price        |             |             |             |             |
|--|-----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Most recent:   |                                   |             |             |             |             |
| 2002   | \$ 3.28                           |             |             |             |             |
| Provide prices for the 5 years prior to the most recent marketing years. Beginning with the most recent. | C.<br>5-Year Average Annual Price |             |             |             |             |
|  | 1 Year ago                        | 2 Years ago | 3 Years ago | 4 Years ago | 5 Years ago |
|  | \$3.77                            | \$4.89      | \$4.19      | \$4.37      | \$4.90      |

9. Basis for request for adjustment assistance. Please explain or attach any documents, which show how increased imports have affected the national price of your product during the most recent marketing year. In your description include any other factors which may also have contributed to lower producer prices.

By means of this correspondence, the Georgia Shrimp Association is requesting that the US Department of Agriculture certify this petition thereby enabling all Georgia shrimp producers of wild, ocean harvested food shrimp to apply for assistance under the Trade Adjustment Assistance for Farmers program. The Association is submitting this petition because the average annual shrimp price for the impacted area (Georgia) during the 2002 season was less than 80% of the average preceding five years' prices (See Attachment 1) and because a surge in imported shrimp quantities with lower prices contributed importantly to a supply induced decline in the 2002 US shrimp price (See Attachment 2). Additionally, a major portion of these imported shrimp were derived from foreign shrimp aquaculture production and competed as 'like' commodities (Haby et al. 2003), mainly the HTS 030613 group, relative to shrimp harvested by Georgia producers. Similarly, the overall surge in volume and subsequent price decline in 'other imported shrimp product forms' in recent years has worsened the decline in Georgia shrimp prices by forcing US shrimp processors and other US market channel members to increase the substitution of various imported shrimp products instead of using Georgia harvested shrimp as a raw material component (Haby et al, 2003) (Attachment 2).

It is also likely that tariff and non-tariff events caused a diversion of shrimp product flow into the US instead of to the European Union (EU) and therefore "...placed downward pressure on prices offered by U.S. shrimp marketers..." (Haby et al. 2003). It is documented that increases in EU tariffs on various Thai shrimp products caused a decrease in these products to the EU. It is further documented that shrimp products from China and other countries were found to contain Chloramphenicol and subsequently rejected. This decreased the volume of that tainted shrimp product to the EU and is very likely to have increased shipments to the US. Other multinational import prohibitions relating to illegal chemical additives also caused a similar diversion of product.

The primary 'other' factor which may contribute to lower producer prices is the volume of domestic shrimp production. No significant changes in the volume of domestic production has been experienced which could be construed to have negatively impacted domestic shrimp prices.

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| 10A. SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OR PRIMARY CONTACT<br> | 10B. TITLE<br>President | 10C. DATE SIGNED<br>9/29/03 |
| 11A. SIGNATURE OF FAS REPRESENTATIVE  | 11B. TITLE              | 11C. DATE                   |

**Attachment 1. Georgia Department of Natural Resources' Food Shrimp Landings Data and Prices, 1997-2002.**  
**Data includes all Food Shrimp categories landed in Georgia (white, brown, rock, pink and royal reds)**

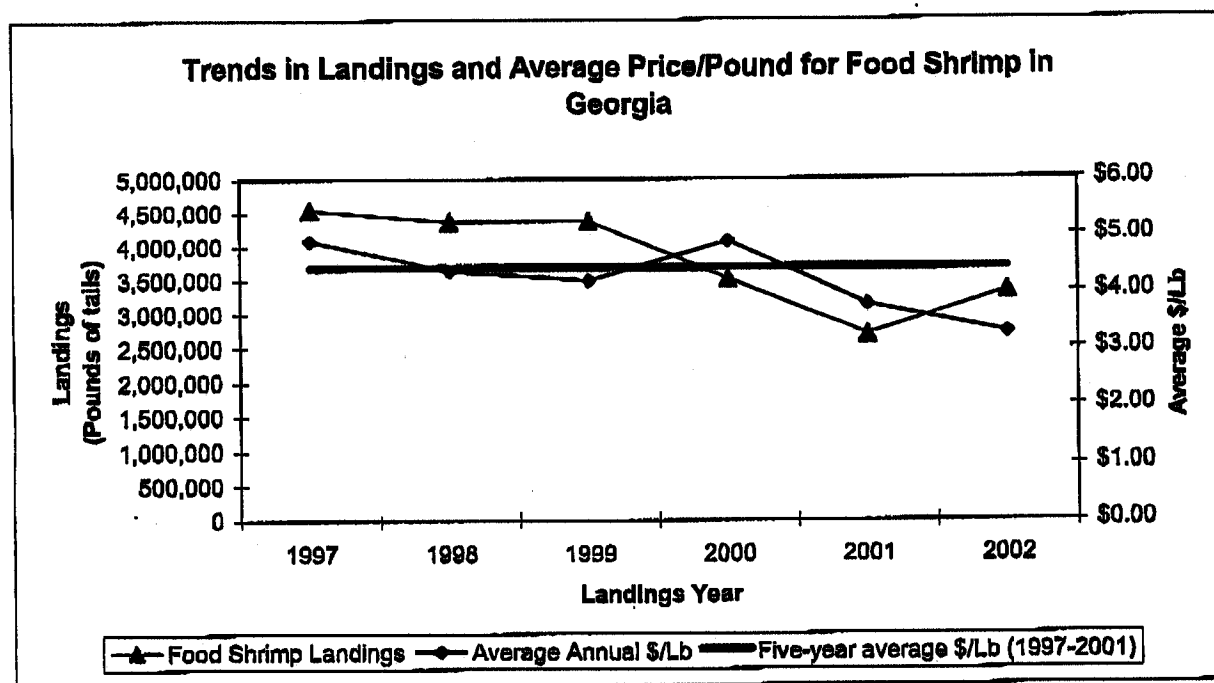
Information provided by GA DNR (Ms. Julie Califf - 912-264-7218)

GADNR provides NOAA Fisheries with all commercial landings information for the state.

| Year | Pounds*   | Ex-vessel Value | Average Annual \$/Lb<br>(heads-off) | Five-year \$/Lb<br>Average<br>(1997-2001) | % Change in \$/Lb<br>(compared with five-year<br>average)** |
|------|-----------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|---|---|
| 1997 | 4,543,631 | \$22,254,286    | \$4.90                              | \$4.42                                    | 10.7%   |
| 1998 | 4,370,638 | \$19,080,321    | \$4.37                              | \$4.42                                    | 1.3%  |
| 1999 | 4,380,827 | \$18,364,973    | \$4.19                              | \$4.42                                    | 5.2%  |
| 2000 | 3,516,895 | \$17,205,600    | \$4.89                              | \$4.42                                    | 10.6%   |
| 2001 | 2,698,445 | \$10,181,393    | \$3.77                              | \$4.42                                    | 14.7%   |
| 2002 | 3,338,453 | \$10,937,811    | \$3.28                              | \$4.42                                    | 25.9%   |

\* - Pounds landed are reported as pounds of tails (heads off)

\*\* - Bolded values indicate years when Price per pound was above the five-year average.



Attachment 2. US shrimp imports for various product forms, 1997-2002.  
IMPORT DATA SOURCE: UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL SERVICE

| Year | Shell-on Shrimp <sup>1</sup> |                             |                       |  |  | Other Shrimp Imports: |              | All Shrimp Imports: |             | GA      |                    |
|------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|--|--|-----------------------|--------------|---------------------|-------------|---------|--------------------|
|      | Quantity<br>MT               | Value, US\$<br>In Thousands | Unit Value<br>US\$/kg | % Change <sup>2</sup><br>In Unit Value |  | MT                    | Value<br>\$  | MT                  | Value<br>\$ | \$/lb   | \$/mt <sup>3</sup> |
| 1997 | 155,875                      | \$ 1,826,735                | \$ 10.436             | N/A                                    |  | 139,442               | \$ 1,328,373 | 294,917             | \$2,955,168 | \$10.04 | \$4.98             |
| 1998 | 162,949                      | \$ 1,595,997                | \$ 10.433             | 0.0%                                   |  | 162,782               | \$ 1,518,517 | 315,741             | \$3,114,214 | \$9.88  | \$4.37             |
| 1999 | 166,625                      | \$ 1,553,496                | \$ 9.818              | -4.9%                                  |  | 175,798               | \$ 1,590,723 | 332,421             | \$3,144,128 | \$9.46  | \$4.19             |
| 2000 | 154,696                      | \$ 1,518,888                | \$ 11.764             | 18.6%                                  |  | 190,931               | \$ 1,938,862 | 345,528             | \$3,759,731 | \$9.88  | \$4.89             |
| 2001 | 202,996                      | \$ 1,839,601                | \$ 9.573              | -18.6%                                 |  | 195,173               | \$ 1,698,119 | 499,779             | \$3,927,720 | \$9.05  | \$3.77             |
| 2002 | 219,560                      | \$ 1,675,837                | \$ 7.959              | -16.9%                                 |  | 219,234               | \$ 1,749,934 | 429,794             | \$3,425,671 | \$7.97  | \$3.28             |

US Gulf and South Atlantic Shrimp Landings, 1997-2002:

| YEAR  | LBS, WHOLE  | VALUE          |
|-------|-------------|----------------|
| 1997  | 246,583,907 | \$ 537,591,836 |
| 1998  | 282,659,803 | \$ 653,147,340 |
| 1999  | 277,813,737 | \$ 691,655,959 |
| 2000  | 321,349,470 | \$ 737,391,508 |
| 2001  | 281,144,563 | \$ 547,875,748 |
| 2002* | 267,434,297 | \$ 438,099,170 |

\* Preliminary data (Source: NOAA Fisheries)

<sup>1</sup>Imported shrimp ("Shell-on only"). HTS codes 306130003 through 306130027 and 306230020.

<sup>2</sup>Change in imported unit value compared to previous year.

<sup>3</sup>Price/pound for Georgia food shrimp (heads-on) as reported in Attachment 1.

<sup>4</sup>Price/pound for Georgia food shrimp (heads-on).

